

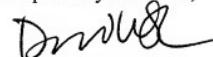
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 1-10 (Group I), claims 11-14 (Group II), claims 15-22 (Group III), and claim 23 (Group IV), all relate to independent and distinct inventions.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10 for further prosecution in this application. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 11-23 (Groups II, III, and IV) without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

The claims now pending in the application, namely claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required (or to credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

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